of Rs. 2001.68 lakhs under Plan/Non-Plan grant during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002.

(b) and (c) Under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources a project proposal amounting to Rs. 45.00 crores for infrastructure development of Tezpur University was approved. While a sum of Rs. 10.00 crores has been released to the University during the year 2000-2001, the Department of Development of North Eastern Region has recommended for further release of Rs. 14.33 crores during the current year 2002-2003 which the University proposes to utilize for infrastructure development etc.

Supreme Court Clarifications on Education Policy

2439. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the clarification made by the Supreme Court recently on misunderstood education policy; and

(b) the action taken to ensure that all the State Governments follow it, ensuring that all the religions over the world are learnt by the school students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) was filed in February, 2002, in the Hon'ble Supreme Court by Ms. Aruna Roy and others with the prayer, among others, to set aside the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE)-2000. The Hon'ble Court has, after in-depth examination, upheld the NCFSE-2000 in totality. Consequently, the stay granted by the Court earlier for not publishing by the NCERT the books on social sciences including information about religions was vacated. The NCERT has since published and released all books for all subjects.

Unauthorised Constructions by Principals of KVs

†2440. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas are not free to carry out unauthorized modifications in their official residence;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of complaints of such modifications have been received from Bhopal, Jaipur and Kolkata regions, during the last two years;

(c) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the action taken thereon and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the then Assistant Commissioners of the respective regions have shielded these Principals, instead of initiating action against this act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Head Office has informed that it has not received any complaint of modifications made in their official residences by Principals, except in the case of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Naseerabad (Rajasthan) in Jaipur Region, where a minor alteration of temporary 4 inch wall with a tin shed in the back side of the official accommodation was carried out by the Principal at her own cost keeping in view her safety and security for which formal approval has not been considered necessary.

Shorthand Examination by NOS

†2441. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Open School has been entrusted with the work of conducting examinations for Shorthand, in Voluntary Institutions under the Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not entrusting the same to Central Board of Secondary Education, which is fully competent in executing this job;

(c) whether the syllabus meant for students of National Open School has also been made mandatory for these Institutions, and restrictions have been imposed on them for teaching of books, pertaining to other methods of Shorthand; and

(d) what is Government's policy regarding use of books for teaching Shorthand subject?

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